



Newsletter Friday 12th December 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

December

Tues 16th	Y3,4,5 - Groovin' The Nativity - 2pm + 5pm
Wed 17th	PANTO DAY!
Thurs 18th	Christmas lunch & jumper day Y6 Village light trail + disco!
Fri 19th	Church visit AM
2026 - 5th January	INSET DAY. See you all on Tuesday 6th!

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
562	685
Goodwood	Petworth
657	691

Dear Families,

What a wonderful festive week it has been at BPA. Our infant children have filled the school with joy through their performances and we could not be more proud of the courage they showed on stage. Opening our doors and welcoming families into school is always a highlight for us and we are thrilled that so many of you could join us and share in these special moments of belonging within our community. Thank you, as always, for your amazing feedback and comments on our social media! We love sharing these with the children and wider community!

Next week, we look forward to the performances from Years 3–5 and are eagerly anticipating their show at The Weald. We continue to be amazed by the ambition and creativity our pupils demonstrate every day. The impressive entries for the Henry Adams Arts Project and the Trug competition only further highlight the breadth of talent across BPA. A rich and varied curriculum is incredibly important to us and we are proud to see our children thriving in so many different areas.

With just one more week before we say goodbye for the festive break, we know that this time of year brings great excitement for many, but it can also bring worry or difficulty for some. Please remember that we are here to support you. If you feel you need someone to talk to, guidance, or signposting to services that can help, do reach out. Community and belonging are central to who we are, and no one should feel they are facing challenges alone.

Wishing you a restful weekend,
Ms Ley

ATTENDANCE


Attendance is slightly lower than where we would like it to be. Please make every effort to ensure your children are in school and ready to learn.

94.5%

This year


94.7%

National Average



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mrs Cunningham

Mrs Cunningham joined BPA four years ago and thoroughly enjoys supporting pupils across KS2. She has been in education for over 15 years and actually spent most of that in EYFS!



Fun Fact:
Mrs Cunningham knows every move to KPOP Demon Hunters!

Hobbies:
Baking, Reading, Cross Stitch and dancing to 80s music, especially Whitney Houston!



Christmas Performances

What a magical week it has been across Early Years, Year 1, and Year 2 as each group took to the stage to share their wonderful Christmas performances. From our tiniest stars in Early Years to our confident Year 1 and Year 2 performers, every child shone brightly.

The children sang their hearts out, used clear and confident voices, and told the Christmas Story with joy, enthusiasm, and the sweetest smiles. Their amazing costumes, brilliant acting, and festive spirit filled the hall with warmth and excitement. We couldn't be more proud of every single one of them.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, family members and friends who joined us to celebrate these special moments. Your support means so much, and it was lovely to see so many proud faces in the audience.

We hope you enjoyed the shows as much as we did — and we'd love to hear your favourite moments! Let us know on our social media where there are lots more pictures!



Year 5+6 Choir

Community Singing



Last week, our Y5+6 Choir spread Christmas cheer at Derwent Lodge, singing six festive songs and spending time chatting with the residents. It was wonderful to see our pupils sharing their voices and smiles, creating a real sense of connection and community. The visit perfectly reflected our school value of belonging - reminding us that we are part of a wider community and that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. A huge well done to our choir for bringing joy to so many!



Year 6 - Magistrates Visit

Last week, Year 6 welcomed two local magistrates into our school as part of their learning about citizenship and UK Parliament Week. The children learned all about the vital role magistrates play in the British justice system and what it means to uphold the rule of law. They then took part in a fantastic interactive workshop, acting out a real courtroom scenario. Our Year 6 pupils stepped confidently into their roles - defence, prosecution, witnesses, and more - while the magistrates' bench listened carefully and reached a verdict of innocent or guilty. The children absolutely loved getting into character and gained a brilliant insight into how justice works in the UK. A huge thank you to our visiting magistrates for such an inspiring and memorable session!





Thursday 15th January

School Lunch - Census Day

MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Nuggets

SIDES
Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad

DESSERT
Jam Sponge and Custard

Order on ParentPay.com by
Thursday 1st January

www.ParentPay.com




Census Day - Lunch

Dear Parents,
Children's favourites are the menu of the day on January 15th 2026.

Please don't delay, review the menu and get your order placed before the end of term.

(Ordering is open from Monday 15th and closes Thursday 1st January)

January 15th is School Census Day so please support your school by taking up the hot lunch option.

www.parentpay.com

If you need support placing your order please contact
u73041@compass-group.co.uk or ring
01243 774175



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for donating Christmas
trees to school!




BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY
ACADEMY

NEW YEAR QUIZ

Friday 16th January

TEAMS OF UP TO 6 - £30 PER TEAM
BYOB - RAFFLE

6:45pm
Let's Party




RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

And help Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice Care and other local charities

If you live in postcodes
RH20 and RH14 9, for a DONATION,
we will collect & recycle your tree
from 11th to 14th January 2026

Just SCAN here



Or visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Registration opens 15th November 2025
Closes 7th January 2026

Once again we have the support of
Just-Helping who support volunteers,
businesses and charities to contribute
to their community and the environment.
The national Christmas tree collection
raises essential funds for charities in
the local community.

JUSTHELPING
Supporting the community

Thank you for your support

This year, after costs, 50% of the monies raised will go to Chestnut Tree House with the rest going to support worthy local charities and not-for-profit organisations within our tree collection area.



Chestnut Tree House is the children's hospice for Sussex and South East Hampshire providing care services and community support for children and young people with life-limiting/threatening conditions. www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk
Registered charity number 256709

For many years Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club has been raising funds by collecting your Christmas trees and the money collected has helped us to support many worthy local causes. www.storringtonrotary.org.uk



We are working with **Billingshurst** to collect your trees and are grateful also for the support of these local businesses...



Recycle your tree!

Please support your local Rotary by recycling your Christmas tree. This year, 50% of monies raised will go to Chestnut Tree House to support children and young people.

See the posters for more information.



BPA Bees

Christmas Trug Fundraiser - We would like to say a big thank you for such an amazing response for our Christmas trug fundraiser! After welcoming our sponsor, Henry Adams, to judge the trugs today, we are pleased to announce the winners are **Shakespeare class**, with **Ahlberg class** and the collective effort from **Year 3 as runners up**. Shakespeare class will receive £75 to spend on a class treat. Well done to all of the classes for your fabulously festive creations and congratulations to the lucky 21 raffle winners. Your support for the charity trug is also very much appreciated and the local food bank will be receiving the donations on Monday.

New Year Quiz - Join us for our New Year Quiz on **Friday 16th January**. Teams of up to 6 people are £30. You can book your table here: [New Year Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets](#). Fri 16 Jan 2026 at 18:45 | [Eventbrite](#).

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Henry Adams
estate agents



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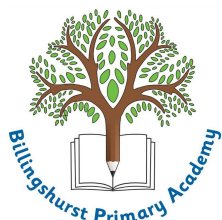
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